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CLARENCE JONES

CLARENCE JONES is the General Counsel for the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York City.

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The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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CAROL HOOVER

A news item in "The Atlanta Daily World" (an Atlanta, Georgia, daily Negro newspaper), dated May 21, 1965, titled "Albany 'Justice' Assailed" datelined Hapeville, Georgia, sets forth information regarding a semi-annual board meeting of the Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF) held in Hapeville during the previous weekend. The article reports that Miss CAROL HOOVER, Atlanta, Georgia, an administrative assistant at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) was one of four new members added to the board of SCEF at this meeting.

A characterization of the SCEF is attached hereto.

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GANDHI SOCIETY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

The Gandhi Society for Human Rights was formed for the purpose of developing a philosophy and technique of non-violent civil rights protests. It is a non-action organization and makes no attempt to influence legislation nor participate in demonstrations. The Society furnishes legal assistance in certain civil rights cases. The organization was incorporated June 14, 1962.

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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC.

"The Southern Patriot," a monthly publication, shows that it is published by the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL FUND, INC. (SCEF).

"The Southern Patriot" was cited as an "Organ" of the SOUTHERN CONFERENCE FOR HUMAN WELFARE (SCHW) by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, on the SCHW, June 12, 1947.

The SCHW was cited as a communist front by the Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 592, June 16, 1947.

An amendment to the charter of the SCHW changed the name of that organization to the SCEF, and listed its purpose as being to improve the educational and cultural standards of the Southern people in accordance with the highest American democratic institutions, traditions, and ideals. The amendment was dated April 26, 1946.

A source advised on March 2, 1961, that CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, a Communist Party functionary, stated at a meeting of the Communist Party in Baltimore, Maryland, on February 25, 1961, that the Communist Party is not connected with any progressive movement but indirectly they do have some influence in the SCEF.

A second source, who is familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New Orleans area, advised on June 2, 1965, that during the time the SCHW was in existence, Communist Party (CP) members have not been encouraged to work in the SCEF. The source stated the SCEF is a progressive, liberal organization, which he considers a CP front organization because it has gone along with the Communist Party on certain issues, particularly on the racial question.

On June 2, 1964, the second source advised that in the past he has considered JAMES DOMBROWSKI, the Executive Director of the SCEF, to be a Communist, if not an actual Communist Party member, because he followed Communist principles.

The second source advised on May 27, 1963, that many people who are officials and members of the SCEF, while liberal in their views, are by no means Communists.

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

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Reference: Letterhead Memorandum, dated and captioned as above, at Atlanta, Georgia.

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Re: Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Internal Security - C

On March 21, 1966, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished information which disclosed that Clarence Jones and Stanley Levison were in contact on that date. The contact, according to the source, concerned the following:

Levison told about a party he attended at Harry Wachtel's house (in Great Neck, Long Island) on the night of March 20, 1966. The party, according to Levison, was to celebrate the birthdays of Wachtel and Bayard Rustin (Organizer of the March on Washington). Of all the people who comprise the Research Committee of the SCLC, only he (Levison) attended, Levison complained. He said that although Wachtel and Rustin are members of the Committee, the party was in their honor, therefore their presence was expected.

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Re: Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)

Levison, in stating why some members didn't attend, said Cleveland Robinson (Secretary of Local 65, Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Workers Union, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations, AFL-CIO) attended an affair sponsored by the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) which was held on the same night.

Jones, in explaining why he did not attend, said he went instead, to an affair of Local 1199 (Drug and Hospital Employees Union, AFL-CIO).

Levison said Wachtel was very upset because Jones had not contacted him in regard to the party. Levison said he was able to cover for him (Jones). Jones said he felt that his presence at the Local 1199 affair did more good for the SCLC than what would have been gained from his presence at the party.

Levison told Jones not to worry about Wachtel's disappointment over the poor attendance at the party. In stating why he should not, Levison said Wachtel would never cease to cooperate with the SCLC regardless of what transpired.

The topic then shifted to Bayard Rustin and in that regard, Levison said Rustin chaired a panel of eminent people who held a hearing in New York City on March 18, 1966, the purpose of which was to consider charges of anti-Semitism in the Soviet Union. Levison said he agreed with Wachtel's belief that Rustin is no longer in demand by the civil rights groups nor by the "Peace Movement", therefore, he has to resort to "perifiral topics" before Jewish organizations. Jones agreed and said Rustin's services were no longer desired by the various student groups.

Re: Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)

Levison, in commenting on the party at Harry Wachtel's, noted that those in attendance were friends of Wachtel's, not business associates. He described them as a "curious mixture of left people and former left people." Levison also recounted that Rustin became involved in shouting arguments with these people. He added that from Wachtel's point of view, it was a successful party.

Jones inquired when the next meeting of the Research Committee of the SCLC would be held. Levison noted that Harry Wachtel had pushed King on this and that King said it would be held on the 6th (of April).

Jones, in commenting on fund-raising affairs for the SCLC, stated that the affair in Paris would be held on March 28 and the Stockholm affair on March 31, 1966.

Another confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 19, 1966, that on that date, Clarence Jones stated he was going to attend an affair of Hospital Union 1199 on Sunday night (March 20, 1966) to accept a check on behalf of Martin Luther King for the SCLC.

Clarence Jones

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York.

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The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Re: Communist Infiltration of
the Southern Christian
Leadership Conference (SCLC)

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Bayard Rustin

In "The Saturday Evening Post", issue of July 11-18, 1964, page 76, Bayard Rustin is the subject of a feature article captioned: "The Lone Wolf of Civil Rights." In it, Rustin is said to have come to New York in 1938, as an organizer for the Young Communist League (YCL), and as such, he had the job of recruiting students for the "Party". Furthermore, the article reports that during his first years in New York, Rustin gave most of his earnings to the "Party." He reportedly left the "Party" in 1941, the article states.

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Re: Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)

The YCL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker", February 11, 1957, page 1, column 2, reported that Bayard Rustin, Executive Secretary, War Resisters League, was an observer at the 16th National Convention of the Communist Party, United States of America (CP, USA), held in New York City, on February 9-12, 1957.

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast Communist publication until it ceased publication on January 13, 1958.

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[redacted] that Bayard Rustin contacted Benjamin J. Davis on those dates and sought his advice as to how he could escape from a speaking engagement to which he was committed. On the latter contact, Davis told Rustin that he was working on his request and had contacted friends who had contacts with the group to which Rustin was to speak.

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[redacted] that as of that date, Benjamin J. Davis was National Secretary of the CP, USA.

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Re: Communist Infiltration of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC)

"The New York Times", August 24, 1964, page 27, column 4, reports that Benjamin J. Davis, National Secretary, CP, USA, died in New York City on the night of August 22, 1964.

Harry Wachtel

Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, New York, New York.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

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Re: Communist Infiltration of
the Southern Christian
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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) of which Martin Luther King, Jr., is the president, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC.

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Re: Communist Infiltration of
the Southern Christian
Leadership Conference (SCLC)

1. APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950).

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91)"

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From: Director, FBI (100-438794)

COMINFIL OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
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ReAirtel and letterhead memorandum dated 3/30/66 which made reference to Martin Luther King, Jr., meeting with members of the Resolutions Committee of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in New York City on 4/6/66 and a SCLC Board meeting scheduled to be held in Miami, Florida, April 12 - 13, 1966.

Atlanta, Baltimore and New York should be alert in developing information as to the location of the April 6 meeting and appropriate steps should be taken by New York to effect a discreet physical surveillance of this meeting to identify those in attendance.

Concerning the Board meeting at Miami, Miami should afford discreet coverage through established sources and physical surveillance to develop information regarding individuals of subversive background who attend this meeting.

Recipient offices which develop knowledge of identities of individuals who may attend the meeting at Miami should promptly advise Miami and in the case of individuals with subversive background furnish Miami photographs and descriptions of such persons.

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Efforts in this regard must be most discreet and no action taken which could prove embarrassing to the Bureau.

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Airtel to New York, Atlanta, Baltimore and Miami
RE: COMINFIL OF SCLC

The Bureau should be promptly advised of all pertinent developments and information which may be disseminated should be included in letterhead memoranda.

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On 3/25/66, [redacted] furnished information concerning a contact between CLARENCE JONES and STANLEY LEVISON on that date. There are enclosed for the Bureau 10 copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting this contact which concerned the American Foundation for Non-Violence.

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On March 25, 1966, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on that date, Stanley Levison was in contact with Clarence Jones regarding the Foundation (American Foundation for Non-Violence). According to the source, Levison told Jones that he had met with Harry Wachtel and Mrs. Wachtel and that Mrs. Wachtel is no longer thinking about running the Foundation. Levison stated that he talked Wachtel into getting an Executive Director.

The source further advised that Levison indicated he was working at getting someone to work for the Foundation and that he intended to meet with Wachtel again to continue the organization of the Foundation. Jones stated that he also would attend the meeting with Levison and Wachtel.

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Clarence Jones

Clarence Jones is the General Counsel to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, 15 East 40th Street, New York, New York.

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The Labor Youth League has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Re: Communist Influence in the
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Harry Wachtel

Harry Wachtel is the Executive Vice President of the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, New York, New York.

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A characterization of the National Lawyers Guild is attached hereto.

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With respect to the Gandhi Society for Human Rights, it is to be noted that this organization is an adjunct of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), of which Martin Luther King, Jr., is the president, and serves to raise funds for the SCLC.

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1. APPENDIX

NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of December 1, 1961, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Lawyers Guild:

"National Lawyers Guild

"1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 149.)

"2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.' (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally related September 17, 1950.)

"3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

RE: BERNARD S. LEE V. CLARENCE M. KELLEY, ET AL.
(U.S.D.C., D.C.) CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 76-1185

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